

# Civil War Veteran Research

The Civil War is also known as the War Between the States, War of Rebellion, the War of Northern Aggression, or the War for Southern Independence. The name depends upon your point of view. When you search under "United States History Civil War" in the Agency's online catalog (<http://aslaprcat.lib.az.us/uhtbin/webcat/>), you will get 202 records in the Genealogy Collection and 60 records in the Federal Documents Collection. *Cyndi's List* (<http://www.cyndislist.com/cw.htm>) provides a 53 page list of links for the Civil War.

The *Civil War Soldiers and Sailor System* (<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>) provided by the National Park Service is an excellent place to find your ancestor. You can find out the state, unit, company, and battles. The National Park Service also provides *The Civil War: American Battlefields* (<http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/abpp/civil.htm>) where you can get battle summaries, civil war parks, on-line publications, and other features, such as camp life and symbols in battle. The *American Memory Project* from the Library of Congress (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>) has almost 2,000 maps dealing with the civil war.

The military service records can be obtained from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Washington, DC (<http://www.archives.gov/research/order/vets-records.html>). You can request the records online or get the form in the Genealogy Collection. The cost is \$12.00. The pension records are the most complete source of information, brief or full record. The full record costs \$37.00. My Great Grandfather served on the Union side from Iowa. His full pension record was 90 pages and contained useful genealogical information.

Confederate Pension Records (NARA <http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/military/civil-war/confederate/pension.html>) are obtained from the State in which he lived. This NARA web site gives information for each state, such as the following for Alabama.

- Alabama Department of Archives and History

<http://www.archives.state.al.us/index.html>

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In 1867 Alabama began granting pensions to Confederate veterans who had lost arms or legs. In 1886 the State began granting pensions to veterans' widows. In 1891 the law was amended to grant pensions to indigent veterans or their widows.

Online:

- Alabama Civil War Service Cards File

<http://www.archives.state.al.us/civilwar/index.cfm>